

ILLAWARRA BUSHRANGING.

An early bushranging incident is recorded in his Reminiscences by Alexander Stewart, who states that four convicts who had run away from their masters at Appin, made their way down Bulli mountain in 1828 and stole a fowling piece at McGawley's. From there they went to Geraghty's where they shot Patrick Geraghty in the hand but his brother in turn shot the bushranger dead, after which the others made off. The incident occurred about where Woonona Bowling Green was built later and the dead convict was buried at McGawley's Point, the first north of Bellambi Bay. As a result of the incident James Geraghty and Corrigan, of Woonona, were appointed constables, the latter later being appointed chief constable for the area between Bulli and Shoalhaven.